

CALLED MEETING

COMMISSION CHAMBER  
May 28, 2024

Augusta Richmond County Commission convened at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 28, 2024, the Honorable Garnett Johnson, Mayor, presiding.

PRESENT: Hons. Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Garrett, McKnight, Lewis and Guilfoyle, members of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

ABSENT: Hons. Scott and Pulliam, members of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

Mr. Mayor: Good morning. Welcome back after a long three-day holiday weekend. Madam Clerk, I call this meeting to order. Attorney Brown.

**1. LEGAL MEETING**

**A. Pending and potential litigation**

**B. Real estate**

**C. Personnel**

**Mr. Brown: Good morning, Mayor and Commissioners. We would request a motion to go into executive session for discussion of pending or potential litigation, real estate and personnel.**

**Mr. Garrett: So moved.**

Ms. McKnight: Second.

Mr. Mayor: All right, Madam Clerk, there's a motion and a second. We're voting.

**Ms. Pulliam, Mr. Mason, Mr. Frantom and Ms. Scott out.**  
**Motion carries 6-0.**

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. We're now suspending to executive session. Thank you so much.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

Mr. Mayor: All right, Madam Clerk, I'll call this meeting back to order. Attorney Brown.

**2. Motion to authorize execution by the Mayor of the affidavit of compliance with Georgia's Open Meeting Act.**

**Mr. Brown: Thank you, Mayor Johnson, Commissioners. We would request a motion to execute the closed meeting affidavit.**

**Mr. Frantom: So moved.**

Mr. Garrett: Second.

Mr. Mayor: There has been a motion and a second. Colleagues, we're voting.

**Motion carries 8-0.**

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Attorney Brown, are there any motions as a result of our executive session?

**Mr. Brown: Yes, sir, there are, Mayor Johnson. We would request a motion to accept the resignation of Deputy General Counsel Rachel Mack effective July 12, 2024 and to approve six months' severance paid by way of salary continuation upon the execution of a customary voluntary separation and release of claims agreement to be prepared by Augusta, Georgia Law Department and to be available for consultation purposes during the severance period.**

**Mr. Garrett: So moved.**

Ms. McKnight: Second.

Mr. Mayor: All right, there's a motion and a second. Commissioner Frantom.

Mr. Frantom: Yeah, I mean just to let IT know our screens aren't working up here so he can't see if there is anybody in the queue. But just for clarity to the general public because this goes out to the media every time about six months' severance, Administrator Douse, can you confirm that there are 17 employees left to get the six months, only 17 employees?

Ms. Douse: That's correct, Commissioner, that was the information I received, however, I don't know if these two are part of that 17, but it's at or about 17 employees remaining.

Mr. Frantom: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, sir. Madam Clerk, there's a motion and a second. Commissioner Guilfoyle, are you still in the queue? Are you good?

Mr. Guilfoyle: For Attorney Brown.

Mr. Mayor: All right.

Mr. Guilfoyle: For Attorney Brown, question. I see that we've got 17 SES employees left in this old phase of getting paid, this check. My question is what would happen if the body said no?

Mr. Brown: I would rather discuss this in legal, however, I believe they would be in violation of contract violation.

Mr. Guilfoyle: Thank you, Attorney Brown.

Mr. Mayor: All right, seeing no other colleagues in the queue, we've voting.

**Motion carries 8-0.**

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Attorney Brown.

**Mr. Brown: Thank you, Mayor Johnson. We would also request a motion to accept the resignation of Tim Weegar, Deputy Director at the Airport, Director of Operations and Airport Security Coordinator, effective August 1, 2024 and to approve six months' severance pay by way of salary continuation upon execution of the customary voluntary separation and release of claims agreement to be prepared by the Augusta Georgia Law Department and to be available for consultation purposes during the severance period. And just one other matter please. That is it.**

**Mr. Frantom: So moved.**

Ms. McKnight: Second.

Mr. Mayor: All right, there's a motion and a second. Madam Clerk, we're voting.

**Motion carries 8-0.**

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Attorney Brown, any other additional items?

Mr. Brown: No, sir.

Mr. Mayor: All right, if that is it, Madam Clerk, this meeting is hereby adjourned and turned over to the committee cycle.

The Clerk: Yes, sir.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you much.

[MEETING ADJOURNED]

Lena J. Bonner  
Clerk of Commission

CERTIFICATION:

I, Lena J. Bonner, Clerk of Commission, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Called Meeting of the Augusta Richmond County Commission held on May 28, 2024.

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Clerk of Commission

